ACT

Discharging Pedlars Pack-man, and common Posts, to travel without Passes,

Sederunt

HIS Grace The DUKE of HAMILTOUN,

The LORD LUNDIN Secretarie of *State*,

The LORD COLINGTOUN Justice *Clerk*,

Glasgow the 25th Day of October. 1684.

THE Lords Commissioners of his *Majesties* privy *Council*, considering that several seditious and disaffected persons, who travell through the Country; as pedlars, and packman, or common Posts, have made it their busines these divers years bygone, to carry false and seditious news, and to sell and disperse transonable lybels and pamphlets, and to convocat some of his *Majesties* giddy and unstable Subjects to house and field Conventicles: those nourseries of Schisme and rendavouses of rebellion, whereby the peace and unity of the Church, has been almost distroyed, and the goverment it self indangered. Wherefore the saids Lords doe hereby in his *Majesties Royal* name and authority strictly prohibit and discharge all persons whatsomever, under the notion of pedlars, packman, or common Posts, to travel throw any parts of the Shyres of *Lanerk*, *Stirling*, *Ranfrew* and *Dumbartoun*, or Jurisdictiones whither of Royalty or Regality within the samen, the pedlars, or packman, without a Pass from one of our privy Councellors, Shireffs, beallies of Regalities, or their deputts, magistrats of Royal brughs and all common posts, to carry any Letters or missives, without license from the genneral post-master: with certification to them or any of them, that if they shall presume or take upon hand ro travel without the saids Passes, they shal be persewed as vagabounds and soruers, and as dispersers of seditious lybels and pamphlets; and doe hereby require and command all Shireffs, beallies of Regalities and there deputts, Justice of peace, and magistrats of brughs Royal, to apprehend the persons of the saids pedlars, or common Posts, who have not the said Passes or license as said is, and Imprison there persons till they find Caution not to Contraveen herein hereafter, under the penalty of five Hundreth merks, and to answer before the Lords of his *Majesties* privy *Council* when ever they shall he called for, for there contempt and disobedienee.

And ordains these presents to be printed and published at the mercat-cross of *Glasgow*, and heal other mercat-eroſſes within the four Shyres, that none pretend ignorance.

Extract By me SIR WILLIAM PATERSON, Knight, *Clerk*, to his *Majesties* most honourable privy *Council*.

GOD SAVE THE KING,

GLASGOW, Printed by *Robert Sanders*, One of His *Majesties* Printers, 1684.

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